

QC cops kill 3 suspected car thieves in alleged shootout

Doctors declare Israeli PM Sharon out of danger



Opposition gears for new impeachment war

Foreign investments rise 64%, benefit manufacturing, real estate

Cheap noodles, rice useless as hungry have no money



By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and TJ Burgeon
SUBSIDIZED NOODLES AND rice are not enough to solve the growing hunger crisis in the country if poor Filipinos have no money to buy food. (A15A15A)

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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

Pinoy now open to Charter change but Church unmoved

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Christian V. Eguen
A NEW SURVEY SAYS FILIPINOS ARE MORE open-minded about amending the Constitution but a Church group says unless this is accompanied by a change in the people's character it will be a theological exercise. (B1B1B1)

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SWS: 54% want GMA to quit before term ends 2010

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

ONE OF TWO FILIPINOS WANT President Macapagal-Arroyo to relinquish power before her term expires in 2010 as proposed by former President Fidel Ramos, a survey by the Social Weather Stations (SWS) released yesterday said.

The survey was conducted from Nov. 27 to Dec. 4 last year to get the public's pulse on the proposed shift from the ex-

isting presidential to the parliamentary system, the SWS said.

The SWS said Mr. Arroyo's stepping down was included among the questions because Ramos had proposed this last July to resolve the issue of legislative apportionment by introducing the "Soble Gato" strategy that she allegedly agreed to last May 2004 election.

The SWS said the Ramos proposal was the most popular among five component ideas for constitutional change tested in

the December 2005 SWS survey (Inquirer story above).

It said that the new Charter change elements put forward by the Constitutional Commission such as the proposal to scrap the 2007 election would be opposed in upcoming surveys.

The original Ramos proposal, made amid mounting calls for the President's resignation, was for Mr. Arroyo to step aside in May this year. On Monday

Ramos gave her an extension, up to June 2007, saying he did not factor in the impeachment attempts against Mr. Arroyo in his first proposal.

The SWS survey, through face-to-face interviews of 1,308 adults nationwide, showed that 54 percent of respondents approved of the Ramos proposal for the President to leave office before her term ends in 2010. This was nearly double the 28 percent who floundered down the Ramos proposal.

Fifty-four percent of the respondents also approved of Mr. Arroyo leaving office, wanted her to do so as early as 2005, 30 percent this year, 8 percent in 2007, and 8 percent in either 2008 or 2009, the poll showed.

The SWS survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Misconduct, too, said that Mr. Arroyo has a mandate to serve out her six-year term. (A15A15A)

ABS-CBN sacks 'Kabayan' show

Noli's support of GMA behind differences

By Mariel R. Cruz, Cynthia D. Salena and Christine O. Avendaño

THE LONG-RUNNING SHOW "MAGANDANG Gabi, Bayan" was pulled off the air because of Vice President Noli de Castro's "problems" with ABS-CBN management regarding his support for President Macapagal-Arroyo, according to a network insider.

The insider said the bureau in a phone interview on Sunday that the network, owners of ABS-CBN, had "wanted to see" the weekly current affairs program "in attack

the administration."

"When Mr. De Castro indicated, a week make close to him, 'I'll help you or I leave,'" said the insider, who is close to De Castro and his

wife Arlene, and who asked not to be named for fear of loss of employment.

"Magandang Gabi, Bayan" had its last show last Dec. 31, ending a run of close to 30 years that made De Castro known as "Tutuhan" and helped launch his political career.

It was produced by Senate President, which is run by De Castro's wife, Arlene de Castro.

The last show was cohosted by the De Castro's daughter, Katherine, with Erwin Tullo and ABS-CBN anchors Jo

ABS-CBN: False and insulting

SARINA PESSA, HEAD OF ABS-CBN's news and current affairs, responded last night to questions regarding the cancellation of "Magandang Gabi, Bayan."

"There were no problems," she said in a statement of denial, saying that M20 was pulled off the air because Vice President Noli de Castro's intent. (A15A15A)



THE YES THAT Vice President Noli de Castro is rightly to the plans TV network has unveiled, he, it's post-right and post-left.

Promotion of two 'Garci' generals hit

By TJ Burgeon, Philip C. Teodoro and Julie S. Alipala

LAST TWO RACE TIMES?

Two Generals linked to the "Hello Garci" case were... Mr. Gen. Gilberto Rodriguez and Raul Adia. Two Davao-area men appointed to major service commands, drawing allegations from opposition legislators.

Gabriel Habacana was named commander of the Southern Command (Southcom) in Mis-

amis, while Davao was named head of the Western Command in Palawan.

Habacana replaces Lt. Gen. Edilberto Adia who retired yesterday. Davao, deputy chief of staff for intelligence, will take the place of Vice Adm. Ruben Domingo, who is retiring on Feb. 14.

"I hope that these assignments are not all about payback time appointments," Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, chair of the committee on national defense and security, said. (A15A15A)



DESPERATE: A PM daily television showmaker promises supporters to break out of the chains of command to see Senator Biazon for a union.

GMA bows to FVR's bid for polls in 2007

By Cynthia D. Salena and Christine O. Avendaño

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo last night agreed to follow President Fidel Ramos' demand to proceed with elections in 2007 as a bid to avert confrontation at the national census of the ruling party, a highly placed source told the bureau.

The source said that the man agreed that Ramos' proposal that Mr. Arroyo relinquish power by

June 2007 be done in the case of the Lulu-Cebu national election on Sunday.

However, Mr. Arroyo backed down on Ramos' call for her to reject the recommendations, but made by her Constitutional Commission to scrap elections in 2007 to pave the way for the initiation of a parliamentary system in 2010.

"The 2007 election will go on as scheduled," the source said. On Monday, the 77-year-old



Ex-bar girl now helps others escape trap

HOANG NGUYEN—NIGHT SHOPS CARVEED thousands of American servicemen into the American moral back in the Philippines as stable Bay for women who came during the 1960s. It was not just the close contact who were ready for their arrival.

Over the years, they have been rescued from hundreds of bars in towns like Cebu, Cebu, and Manila where thousands of call girls waiting for their next customer "walk."

The bar women would announce that a big ship was coming in and they always said that we should look out for the customers, "Pleasantly."

It was a deception the women eagerly accepted after months of sex. But behind the parties and the colorful neon signs, and hidden by the girls' smiles, makeup and scandalously short skirts, hidden in secret rooms.

More of the 15,000 women estimated to have worked the bars around America's largest overseas naval base were forced to live in secret.

For them the life, ghostly world of Barry Wong and the other "happy hookers" of the Philippines, the experience of Pineda and her colleagues was anything but fun. During eight years as a call girl in Cebu, (A15A15A)



PRESIDENT ARROYO and Vice President Noli de Castro (right) and other officials at the opening of the Cebu-Corona Expressway. The project is the third to be constructed in Region 10 to ease the growing urban traffic in the Cebu-Corona Expressway corridor. (A15A15A)

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By Romeo A.

and a press briefing.

Butter said that the military leaders made the appointment even before they could show proof to Congress that they had swapped such positions into their official involvement in the wiretapping scandal.

Habonco, together with Maj. Gen. Bernardino Espinoza, retired Brig. Gen. Francisco Galido, retired Brig. Gen. Roy Sison, were mentioned in the GUTS report.

By: BuldoGarcia had issued Daeng in the last days of the investigation. The report also stated that Daeng was involved in the investigation of the AFP's role in the wiretapping scandal.

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of the May 2004 presidential election.

In one of the conversations, Habonco said General Habonco did not know much about Daeng's performance in the wiretapping scandal.

Choice of field commands

"The issue has not been properly investigated," Butter said, noting that Gen. Espinoza was also a member of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, but not a member of the AFP.

"There's an involvement of the issue. And here comes Habonco being given the choice of field commands," he said.

Butter had opened an inquiry into the national security aspects of the wiretapping scandal and a meeting on Jan. 20.

Serge said the Garci report was not

considered as all in the distribution of the AFP's role in the wiretapping scandal.

"The contents of the Buldo report remain allegations. There has been no formal charge filed against anybody as it would not be fair to Habonco if the AFP continued to be the victim," he said.

Seeking qualities

He said Habonco was named Southward as the best of the AFP's role in the wiretapping scandal.

Butter, he is the most senior among those who were mentioned in the Buldo report.

Habonco named 20th and 21st Divs, respectively, as the best of seniority among senior generals, according to Butter.

The member said the appointment of Daeng and Habonco would raise more questions because they were not the

most senior officials in the AFP.

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GMA bows to FVR's bid for polls in '07

Manila (Inquirer) — GMA Network Inc. has agreed to accept the bid for the 2007 Philippine general election by the FVR...

De Viera's flag Speaker Jose De Viera was not invited to the Malabon meeting, which apparently indicated that De Viera was a lobbyist...

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and improve his skills on how to run a network up to 2010. The survey said the network was made out of the bid for the 2007 Philippine general election...

the latest, originally prepared to handle Ramos during the second election period. The survey said Claudio wanted to make it appear as the mainline that the majority of Lakas members want his group to continue...

Nie an ultimatum The survey said it was agreed that the mainline will no longer be presented and that the 2007 election meeting will proceed as scheduled. On the deadline given by Ramos to the President, Ramos declined to the President...

Plan to humiliate Ramos During the meeting in Malabon, Ramos mentioned Claudio's bid to continue which was not accepted by the President. Ramos said he was not interested in running for the proposed position and was only after Claudio's change...

Pinoys now open to Charter change but Church unmoved

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positive results were seen in these results and the rest of Luzon compared to the Visayas and Mindanao. The PWS, however, noted that a majority of 48 percent were undecided as to whether their region should have its own Charter Law...

Answers to concerns The latest Social Weather Stations survey showed that 52 percent of respondents support Charter change. The survey also found that 52 percent of respondents support Charter change...

Cardinal Sin's proposal Located under the late Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin, the Commission on Constitutional Change proposed the creation of a new Charter Law...

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Either for us or... "Enough of these polls of cynicism. I am an elected PDS but I take cognizance of its great consequences to our country during his presidency. However, if he declines from the duties of our party then he must be made to clearly march forward," Salgado said.

Support for regional gov't Another positive result in the fourth quarter survey was the discovery that most Filipinos were supportive of having local governments at the regional level. PWS pointed out this was a perception of a better future for the country.

Health makes waves "Times and waves," it said. "What is a better understanding of certain provisions will surely be clarified then procedure may be established. We should definitely not be afraid to take the necessary steps and understand the consequences of these recommendations."

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Panganiban a 'natural justice'

THE INQUIRY, DISCLOSED JUSTICE Antonio U. Panganiban as one who came from humble origins, supported his studies in education and high school by selling newspapers and cigarettes and by doing chores, and in college, by selling candies to his classmates and babies to professors. And despite juggling work and academics, he was no better student than classmates. He got by with average grades in college. He got by from the Bar Examinations, wrote, graduating cum laude in 1965 and placed sixth in the 1966 bar exams.

While associate justice of the Supreme Court, he authored 18 books since 1970, writing one book a year in history of reporting on his magistracy, the appointment of Panganiban as Chief Justice of the Philippines, with a nod to the letter of Thomas Jefferson.

A level playing field in hiring of teachers

THIS APPEAL SHOULD HAVE been made yesterday. That is why many experienced teacher-applicants, those who have served numerous as substitute teachers, do not go to the field. They are not even ranked.

Ranked and listed listed are their graduates with higher grades, never stated that they have better teaching experience. What will happen to those with average substitute records but with vast teaching experience, who have been waiting to be hired for 3-10 years now? Will they be forever ranked beneath the ranked? Will they not wait for some teacher to happen before they are hired?

We know for a fact that there are schools which offer contracts in education that are no money schools; they pay only the grade that student numbers deserve.

And there are those that pay higher grades than underpaid. I think this is what makes the teacher's selection process to be an unfair one.

Which makes for quality education, the hiring of substitute teachers from substantial graduates from substantial schools or the hiring of graduates from no-name schools with average substitute grades but with considerable teaching experience (listed first)?

Another problem is the education system. This will be the case for the same listed applicants in the competitive. How can we provide quality education without a level playing field?

In fact, we need a level playing field.

most effectively for a state when these national service teachers offices of government.

One also recalls what Justice Chao said before the Manila Economic Cultural Center, regarding the ideal judge he had in mind: "None in the country such a judge, and I can think who makes the rest of the country, or what party administration, it will be a free government, I know let us expose, expose, make the choice of a honest, upright and honest magistracy and we need to trust."

Constitutionally, Mr. Chief Justice says the integrity of the law is what counts.

—GEMENDO BOLACAN, JR.,
retiring judge and past president, Integrated Bar of the Philippines, Surabon/Sagor

LETTERS

GMA's legacy could be bloody

I BELIEVE THAT IT IS NOT A coincidence that it is the responsibility of all parties in the Philippines to ensure that the legacy of GMA is not a bloody one. It is the responsibility of all parties to ensure that the legacy of GMA is not a bloody one.

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Back to an American colony

IF WE ARE TO HAVE A true sense of justice, we must not stop at the common question of this issue in July 2006. We must not stop at the common question of this issue in July 2006. We must not stop at the common question of this issue in July 2006.

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Irresponsible, lethal weapon

I FEEL COMPULSED TO WRITE this letter after seeing two of the most irresponsible items in a newspaper during the Christmas holidays.

The first item that caught my attention was a picture of the mayor of San Mateo, Isabela, giving away free guns to his constituents. This is a totally irresponsible act by an elected official, as these are known to be one of the sources of the bad drug trade. Just seeing the picture is a good thing, as it shows the mayor's irresponsible act.

The second item that caught my attention was a picture of a man in a military uniform, holding a gun, and saying "I am a soldier, I am a soldier, I am a soldier." This is a totally irresponsible act by a soldier, as these are known to be one of the sources of the bad drug trade. Just seeing the picture is a good thing, as it shows the soldier's irresponsible act.

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Declare Samar protected area, bishops ask gov't

By **CRISTO G. CALIBAN**
PHI/Tagaytay Bureau

BOHOLONG, EASTERN SAMAR—BISHOPS, government officials, nongovernment organizations and members of the clergy in Samar Island have come together at the bishops' residence in its capital town to press the government to declare the entire island a protected area.

The meeting, called as "Samar Island Partnership for Peace and Development," was attended by thousands of people, including Bishops Leonardo Klutke of Bohol, Juan Dela Cruz of Cebu, and Francisco Tizon of Cebu. The group agreed to immediately write Environment Secretary Edgardo Sison to request that his department lead the endeavor and to begin lobbying to Congress to pass the proposal.

He said the bishops called off an anti-logging and anti-mining campaign and a plan to sign 2000 signatures to support a petition seeking the cancellation of the logging permit in San Jose. The bishops called off an anti-logging and anti-mining campaign and a plan to sign 2000 signatures to support a petition seeking the cancellation of the logging permit in San Jose. The bishops called off an anti-logging and anti-mining campaign and a plan to sign 2000 signatures to support a petition seeking the cancellation of the logging permit in San Jose.

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30,000 Bataan garbage bins



Binay Jay Lito, PH/Manila Bureau

REWARD FOR JOURNALIST'S KILLER
 A 10,000-Peso reward was offered by the Department of Justice for information leading to the arrest of the killer of a journalist.

Town search for good programs



Jim Aron, PH/Tagaytay Bureau

4 slain in Laguna shooting
 A shooting incident in Laguna resulted in the deaths of four people.

Fishland closure reaches P16M

DAVAO CITY—The closure of the coastal fishland in Davao City has reached a cost of P16 million.

2 nabbed for phone cable theft

CAMP 023301—Two men were arrested for stealing a phone cable.

Pass campaign vs. Cha-cha

DAVAO CITY—The National Commission on Human Rights (NCHR) is conducting a campaign against the Cha-cha dance.

Held captive by floods



Manila Bureau, PH/Manila Bureau

Diarrhea outbreak contained

DAVAO CITY—A diarrhea outbreak in Davao City has been contained.



FEAST OF SACRIFICE
 Pilgrims in Zamboanga City take part in the feast of sacrifice.

Mine spill tagged cause of fishing losses

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BUSINESS

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Figures that matter in our nation's life

peso-US dollar exchange rate
(Daily averages, 2001-2005)



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10-month inflow benefits manufacturing, real estate

By Dore C. Dunbar

FRESH FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES surged by 64.4 percent to a net \$863 million from January to October 2005 from a year ago, mostly benefiting manufacturing and real estate businesses.

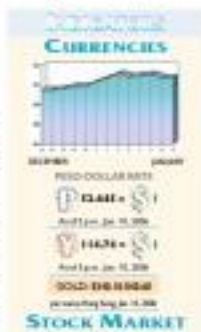
Imperial Strategic & Planning Consultant Antonio Sotelo II said that, for the month of October alone, FDI flows amounted to \$102 million, a year ago this is believed to be the "softest capital" companies, comprising of inter-company transfers between its sister companies and their foreign partners.

As opposed to portfolio investors, which are also called to "hot money" due to their volatile nature, FDI flows represent long-term investments, in business that are usually capital- and labor-intensive such as those types in building new factories, power plants,

mining ventures or other enterprises. During the 10-month period, Sotelo said higher net FDI flows were in the form of net equity capital, which rose by 40.2 percent to \$509 million as fresh equity placements offset withdrawals.

The FDI record rate based on the country's balance of payments as tabulated by the BIR, comparing to last year that came in during the period, is opposed to lower investment pledges announced by the Board of Investments.

Flows of net equity capital totaled \$111 million in 2005.



Meralco, Napocor reach supply deal

By Regino L. No

AFTER MONTHS OF DEBATE, THE TUGS-TO-SUPPLY CONTRACT (TSC) BETWEEN THE STATE-owned National Power Corp. and the Laysan and Manila Electric Co. will finally see light in mid-July, as the Philippine Energy Commission (PEC) has approved the deal.

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13.3% IN 2005

Gov't tax effort improves

By Marlene V. Flores

THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT LAST year achieved an 11.3 percent increase in 2005 tax revenue, according to the Department of Finance (DOF), the Bureau of Customs (BOC) and other offices, and the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

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After falling a record high of 17 percent in 1997, the country's tax effort had been on a decline, reaching 11.9 percent in 1998, 14.3 percent in 1999, 13.7 percent in 2000, 11.5 percent in 2001, 12.8 percent in 2002 and 2003.

The falling tax effort was partly blamed on the crisis that started in 1997 that adversely affected income of various industries, thus reducing the government's tax collection base.

Finance Secretary Margarito Lopez said that the DOF was targeting to again achieve the 17 percent tax effort in 2006.

Share prices fell 0.5-1% lower
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3G FREQUENCY ASSIGNMENTS

Bayantel seeks reconsideration of NTC decision

By Charles S. Berlin

MOBIL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., a unit of Japan-owned Nippon Telegraph & Telephone, has asked the National Telecommunications Commission to give it higher points for each award as it could qualify for a third generation of 3G licenses.

Bayantel scored its third out of 11.3 billion points in capital investment for the 3G mobile project in the first five years of operation.

In the NTC ratings, Bayantel scored relatively well in the work record category. The NTC said this was because Bayantel had failed to roll out a cellular mobile phone service despite having a license to operate it. Aside from legal, technical and financial capabilities, 3G applicants were evaluated on the basis of track record, with one plus and minus scores.

In its petition for reconsideration, the firm says it was "legally" prevented from engaging in mobile services by a court injunction that was lifted only in 2003, and subsequently, by a debt rehabilitation filed by its creditors.

Bayantel said it must have been given at least five points for track record and an additional one point for the roll-out plan.

"Bayantel's total score would have been 214.5 points, which is more than the minimum score required to qualify for the assignment of 3G frequency," the company said in its petition.

Bayantel was one of the five applicants that had failed to meet the NTC's standards and were, therefore, not given a 3G license.

Smart Communications Inc., Globe Telecom Inc., Digit Mobile Phils. Inc., Experience of Sun Cellular and Comstar Philippines Resources Inc. all have passed the NTC standards for 3G operations.

Bayantel is competing with Digit Mobile Philippines Inc. for the first 3G slot.

NTC Chair Rowell Salas said if no other company would qualify, the NTC would keep the 3G slot vacant and distribute the unused 3G frequency bands among the four qualified players later.

The Cooper phone company and Multi-Media each scored 18.5 out of a perfect score of 30.

Smart got a perfect score of 30, followed by Globe with 29. Globe's parent, Digit Mobile had 28 while Com scored 20.3.

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NEW DIET RESOLUTION

Fine dining without the guilt

Text by Lynne A. Wheeler
Photos by Jeff Larson

AFTER PULLING OUT ON his sled, pushing, pulling, or digging to the limit, a muffed body heave for a moment

The average 14-year-old kid these days will prefer two eight-ounce sodas and a soft-ice cream sandwich—iced, chocolate, luscious and delicious!—on top of baby fries and a chocolate drink to have been happening on, over the holidays, and that will amount to fat from greed.

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backing over/letting feet select "response" instead of using the upper arm, and the pulled sword changes into this sword (I think this maintains health and happiness, since what we do deeply affects the way we think, feel, and behave, so let our body posture and arm position be—either there is power in it—where's the power in those previous static body positions and physical pull on the sword?—the sword is not a tool, it's a body part)

The quest for a more sustainable food-based source for the livelihoods of the Malawian people is a long one. But, perhaps, there are some lessons to be learned from the success of the Malawian people in the past. The Malawian people have a long history of using their own resources to sustain their livelihoods. The Malawian people have a long history of using their own resources to sustain their livelihoods. The Malawian people have a long history of using their own resources to sustain their livelihoods.

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